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1. RESPONSE IS KEYED TO "REPORT CONTENT" OF REFERENCED
AIRGRAM.

A. COUNTRY PERCEPTION OF OAS FIELD PROGRAMS:

1. MISSION HAS NOT HAD THE OCCASION TO DISCUSS OAS PROGRAMS
WITH HIGHEST LEVEL OF EXECUTIVE BRANCH.
2. AT MINISTERIAL AND TECHNICAL LEVEL, OAS FIELD PROGRAMS
ARE VIEWED AS BEING SMALL BUT VALUABLE. ASSISTANCE
PROVIDED IN THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR IS GENERALLY FELT
TO BE EXCELLENT.

B. U.S. MISSION PERCEPTION:

1. MISSION HAS LITTLE DIRECT CONTACT AT THE TECHNICAL LEVEL
WITH OAS PROGRAMS.
2. OAS PROGRAMS OUTSIDE OF AGRICULTURE PROVIDE SMALL
AMOUNTS OF ASSISTANCE. WHILE MODEST IN SIZE, THE
ASSISTANCE DOES APPEAR TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE SOLUTION OF
IMPORTANT PROBLEMS. THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR PROGRAMS
(MAINLY THOSE OF IICA, INTERAMERICAN INSTITUTE OF AGRI-
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- CULTURAL SCIENCES) ARE VARIED, MEANINGFUL, AND WELL EXECUTED.
3. THE OAS REPRESENTATIVE IS A MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL
AGENCY COMMITTEE WHICH MEETS ON A MONTHLY BASIS.
 4. THE OAS UNIT IN HONDURAS IS VIEWED AS BEING A SMALL
BUT EFFECTIVE ORGANIZATION.
 5. BASED ON OUR GENERAL KNOWLEDGE OF THEIR ACTIVITIES,

MISSION BELIEVES OAS PROGRAMS ARE FOCUSSED ON PRIORITY
HONDURAN PROBLEMS AND WE WOULD NOT RECOMMEND ANY CHANGES.

C. PROJECT SPECIFIC:

THE IICA PROGRAM IS THE LARGEST OAS DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY IN
HONDURAS. IICA ASSISTANCE IS GENERALLY CONSIDERED TO BE
EXCELLENT IN TERMS OF EXECUTION, RELEVANCE TO GOH DEVELOP-
MENT PRIORITIES, AND EFFECT ON GOH ACTIONS. IICA PROJECTS
COMPLEMENT THE ACTIVITIES OF OTHER DONORS. THE COST-
EFFECTIVENESS OF THEIR PROJECTS CAN NOT BE DETERMINED
WITH DATA AT HAND. HOWEVER, WE OFFER THE JUDGEMENT THAT
OAS PROJECTS PROBABLY COMPARE FAVORABLY WITH THOSE OF
OTHER DONORS.
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